

**UNITED STATES  
MAY ABANDON  
BENTON INQUIRY****Carranza's Demand That  
England Must Deal with  
Him the Cause.****WILSON DISTURBED  
BY REBEL'S COURSE****President Declares This  
Country Strong Enough  
To Be Patient.****NOT TO BE STAMPEDED****Points Out That Hasty Action  
Means Loss of Brothers,  
Sons and Sweethearts.**

(From The Tribune Bureau.)

Washington, March 2.—Venustiano Carranza's refusal to permit the United States to represent Great Britain in negotiations for the examination of William S. Benton's body, with the fact that the administration has strong evidence indicating that Benton was not executed as the result of a court martial, will probably result in the abandonment of the proposed investigating expedition to Chihuahua. Great Britain is unlikely, however, to take drastic action. She will not recognize Carranza, and is not expected to send an expedition to Chihuahua unless the United States is permitted to participate.

The President and Secretary Bryan are much concerned over Carranza's course, following so soon after their lifting the embargo on the exportation of arms, and they may be moved to accept Huerta's recommendation in his joint note to the powers urging a restoration of the embargo, which Señor Alvaro, the Mexican Chargé, submitted to Secretary Bryan to-day.

The administration is unable to deny the probability that Carranza and Villa are seeking to delay the inquiry into Benton's body becomes unrecognizable. The President shows irritation, but Mr. Bryan insists that he is optimistic regarding a change of heart and high ideals on the part of the Constitution.

The British Ambassador, the Spanish Minister, Secretary Bryan and John Bassett Moore conferred at length to-day, when it developed that Carranza some time ago suggested that if Spain desired to protect Spanish subjects it should treat with him.

**Realizes Grave Situation.**

President Wilson revealed to those who discussed Mexican affairs with him to-day that he fully realized the gravity of the situation resulting from the killing of Benton, a British subject, the reported murder of Gustav Bauch and Clemente Vergara, American citizens, and General Carranza's denial of the right of the United States to look after the interests of foreigners generally in Mexico.

The President spoke deplorably of armed intervention, but at the same time pointedly referred to the size and power of a country like the United States as being sufficient warrant for a calm and patient course while compliance with the American demands was being sought.

Callers got the impression from the President that he was determined to try every peaceful means at his disposal to solve the Mexican problem, but that he realized that certain eventualities might mean a drastic course. He spoke with a firmness that showed his determination not to be stampeded into action by radical speeches in Congress, but with a hint that when the necessity arose the American government could be expected to move decisively and effectively.

That there need be no hesitation in forming the judgment that what the

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**MAYOR AMONG SNOWBOUND****Went to Lake Placid and Has  
Not Been Heard From.**

Mayor Mitchell is snowbound at Lake Placid. He went to the Adirondacks on Friday, intending to get back this morning. The members of his staff here were unable to communicate with him yesterday, and they doubt whether he can get down to-night, as he had planned.

Bertram Cruger, the Mayor's assistant secretary, who went to Lake Placid with him, started back on Sunday night. He got in ten hours late.

**TO AMEND POLICE BILLS****Mayor Mitchell Sends Envoy to  
Albany with Concessions.**

(By Telephone to The Tribune.)

Albany, March 2.—Commissioner Bell, representing Mayor Mitchell, conferred with leaders of both houses to-night with a view to amending the police bills. He came at the instance of the Mayor and brought the following amendments:

A court of review, consisting of a uniformed member of the force, to be appointed by the various policemen's associations, a Civil Service Commissioner and a personal representative of the Mayor, granting the right to the accused police to examine witnesses and their accusers and to be represented by counsel.

This proposed court of review will not have power to overrule the action of the Police Commissioner, but may make recommendations, which undoubtedly would be followed.

**SHOOTS HERSELF AT  
REYES' DOOR ON SHIP****Friend of Former Huerta Minister  
Quarrels with Him on  
Way to France.**

Nantes, France, March 2.—The voyage of the French line steamer La Navarre, from Havana to this port, was marked by an incident which may prove a tragedy. Mme. Marie Caufieu, a friend of Rodolfo Reyes, former Minister of Justice in the Cabinet of President Huerta of Mexico, attempted to commit suicide by shooting on Saturday night.

All on board the vessel were aroused by the shots, and the woman was found lying outside Reyes' cabin with two bullets in her breast. A quarrel between Reyes and the woman is supposed to have been the cause for her act. When the steamer arrived to-day the condition of Mme. Caufieu was pronounced grave.

Rodolfo Reyes was among the members of the Chamber of Deputies arrested by President Huerta's orders on October 11, charged with being conspirators. He was released from the penitentiary on February 9 and sailed for Havana. Reaching the Cuban port, he was not permitted to land and sailed on board La Navarre for France on February 15.

**LONDON HAS ESCALATORS****30,000 Ride on "New Toy" the  
First Day.**

(By Cable to The Tribune.)

London, March 2.—London was given another new toy to play with yesterday. Escalators at Charing Cross Embankment station connecting the district and the Bakerloo railways were opened at 5 o'clock in the morning and it is estimated that by noon ten thousand persons had made trips on them.

When the escalators ceased revolving in the early hours this morning the total cargo for the day probably reach thirty thousand passengers.

**LEHR'S STEPSON SUES****J. V. Dahlgren Wants Uncle to  
Make Settlement of Estate.**

John Vinton Dahlgren, stepson of Harry Lehr and grandson of the late Rear Admiral John A. Dahlgren, brought an action in the Surrogate's Court yesterday to compel Eric R. Dahlgren, his uncle, to make a settlement of his estate.

Young Dahlgren's mother was Elizabeth Drexel, of Philadelphia. She inherited \$20,000,000 from her father, who was a member of the banking firm of Drexel, Morgan & Co. The guardian's report shows that the son's estate is now about \$72,000. The uncle is still in possession of the funds, although it is said to be customary to make an accounting within a month of the time a ward becomes of age.

Dahlgren, whose career at Harvard was cut short two years ago, when he fell in love with a girl employed in a confectionery store, was twenty-one years old last June. He has retained Hamilton H. Durand, of No. 60 Wall street, to handle his suit.

**ASKS DIVORCE AND RECALL****Sheriff's Wife Seeks Liberty  
and Loss of Husband's Job.**

San Francisco, March 2.—In addition to having brought divorce proceedings against Frederick S. Eggers, Sheriff of San Francisco County, his wife announced to-day in a signed statement that she would circulate a petition for his recall from office. They have lived together thirty years.

"This is not spite work," said Mrs. Eggers. "I simply do not believe that Sheriff Eggers is a fit man to be in a public office."

In her statement Mrs. Eggers outlined testimony which she had given before the grand jury.

San Francisco and Western Points via  
Lehigh Valley R. R. See Niagara en route.

**HOW THE RAILROADS SUFFERED IN THE STORM.**

Typical Scene  
at the  
Jersey City  
Terminal.  
Digging Out  
the  
Erie Tracks.

How Heavy  
Snow and Wind  
Crippled Wires  
Along  
New Jersey  
Railroads.

**OSBORN, CHAIRMAN,  
LEADS DEMOCRATS****Exceptional Power Given  
to Him in Selection as  
State Head.****MURPHY, UNAFFECTED,  
OFFERS HIS HELP****Palmer's Successor May Pick  
Peabody as Treasurer in  
Place of McLean.**

William Church Osborn became the leader of the Democratic organization in New York State yesterday. Not only was he elected chairman of the state committee at a meeting at the Hotel Knickerbocker in the afternoon, but to him was given power far greater than ever possessed by such chairman before.

Not only was he empowered to name a treasurer of the committee to succeed Arthur A. McLean, of Newburg, but by resolution he now has the power to name a campaign committee and to add to and fill all vacancies on the executive committee. The plan is to have these two committees practically run the affairs of the party. George Foster Peabody may be the treasurer.

Charles F. Murphy, who is voluntarily giving up the state leadership, sat through the entire procedure without a trace of emotion. His arms were crossed on his chest and his lips were firmly set. They did not even open when his name was called to vote on the election of Mr. Osborn.

**Aid Offered by Murphy.**

After it was all over the Tammany boss went up to the new state leader, shook his hand and said:

"If at any time you want me, just send for me."

"Thank you very much," replied Mr. Osborn.

"Will you accept the offer of Mr. Murphy to assist whenever he may be needed?" Mr. Osborn was asked later.

After a short pause the new state chairman replied:

"Why, certainly I will."

The selection of Mr. Osborn has the entire approval of President Wilson, according to Governor Glynn and Chairman McCombs of the national committee.

The power given to Mr. Osborn is similar to that granted to Chairman McCombs by the national committee in 1912. As a matter of fact the procedure that was put through by the state committee was mapped out by Mr. McCombs and the Governor in conference with George M. Palmer, the retiring chairman of the committee, in the morning.

"What was done by the committee," said Mr. McCombs in his apartments in the Hotel Vanderbilt last night, "is a distinct step in advance. It places tremendous responsibilities in Mr. Osborn's hands. I think they are rightly placed. It gives him concentrated power."

**Osborn to Pacify State.**

"In this way I think Mr. Osborn will be able to harmonize any differences that may exist in the state, and he will

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**WILSON TAX RETURN FILED****Reaches Baltimore on Last  
Minute of Last Day.**

(By Telephone to The Tribune.)

Baltimore, March 2.—At midnight to-night the income tax return of President Wilson was filed. Returns from Washington residents are made to this port.

President Wilson's return was delayed in the mail and stalled somewhere between here and Washington. This office received the tax return of Grover Cleveland, who, while President, complied with the income tax provision of the Wilson-Gorman bill. President Wilson's was expected here, as blanks were sent to the White House on the written request of Joseph Tamm, secretary.

(By Telephone to The Tribune.)

Washington, March 2.—The Commissioner of Internal Revenue informed The Tribune correspondent that the postmark on letters containing income tax returns would be prima facie evidence of the intent of the taxpayer to file his return, and that any returns which had been delayed in the mails by storm would be accepted when they were delivered by the postal authorities.

The law, Mr. Osborn explained, provided that returns might be mailed to collectors, and should be deposited in the internal revenue offices of the district in which the taxpayer lived at the close of the business to-day, provided "normal conditions" obtained.

Mr. Osborn said that unusual storms on the Eastern seaboard had caused what would undoubtedly be construed as "an abnormal condition."

He said that no extension of the filing time was necessary and none would be ordered.

**GALVESTON TANGOES  
ON 2 1-2-MILE FLOOR****New Street, 300 Feet Wide, Used  
for Dancing Surface, While  
15 U. S. Bands Play.**

(From The Tribune Correspondent.)

Galveston, March 2.—This was Texas Independence Day, and Broadway, Galveston's new street, was formally opened by the Board of City Commissioners, which closed the celebration of that event to-night with the world's largest tango party. Broadway, which is 300 feet wide and two and one-half miles long, was used for the dancing floor, the music being supplied by fifteen military bands borrowed from the regimental detachments of the United States army mobilized here.

The street was divided by a 100-foot esplanade, planted with palms and other tropical plants. Double rows of gas and electric lights lined each side of the halves of Broadway, and when there and the residence lights were turned on to-night a beautiful scene was presented. The new pavement just completed is for light traffic only, perfectly smooth and the most costly obtainable.

The Galveston Commercial Association, representing the business institutions of the city, offered several prizes for the dancers. The prize for the largest number of five-mile laps around the floor. No allowance for shoes worn out on the pavement was made.

Harvard or Oxford, the latest gold or shell round eyeglasses, Spencer's, Maiden Lane, New York.

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**"WE WILL WORK IF  
YOU WAKE US AT 9"****"Patriots of Idleness" Give  
Ultimatum After Being  
Fed by Church.****WERE ASKED TO  
CLEAN OFF SNOW****Offer of 20 Cents an Hour at First  
Refused as Not Being Up to  
Union Scale.**

The two hundred stern and dignified patriots of idleness, whose aesthetic principles have turned charitable persons on their heads, achieved last night the most artistic success in their determined campaign to remain out of work until they can get some fairly good jobs, like president of a bank or head of the Steel Trust.

Though the weather was a bit inclement, and though they had left their fur overcoats at home, they decided to show a brave front by assembling in the open air at the regular lodge meeting in Rutgers Square, about 8 o'clock last night, and listen to the new features on their social schedule.

Frank Tannenbaum addressed them, and there were others to be heard, but the 200 became chilled and moved to the meeting adjourn for the night.

Tannenbaum said it was agreeable to him, but that it would be wise, inasmuch as the organization had no other engagements for the evening, to go around to St. Mark's Church, at Second avenue and 10th street, and accept the offer of free food and shelter tendered by the Rev. Dr. Gamble, in charge of the Socialist Fellowship. That is the church that the minute men of unemployment stormed a few nights ago.

When they reached the church Dr. Gamble and some of his assistants welcomed the gentlemen of leisure with gallons and gallons of hot coffee and a ton or two of rolls. There were no cake or lady fingers on hand, but this omission was passed over without protest.

The men tackled the food, simulating, for the purposes of the occasion, great hunger. Then they sat back and announced that they were willing to take whatever else was offered, so it was not given in the crass name of charity. They were not prepared to go to bed then, although they might feel fatigued later on and accept Dr. Gamble's invitation if he pressed it.

**Dr. Gamble's Offer Turned Down.**

Dr. Gamble took the platform and thanked the patriots for being so faithful to their engagement. They smiled indulgently on him. Then he said something about cleaning the sidewalks around the church, which were deep in snow. The patriots glared in disgust. Dr. Gamble said he'd pay 20 cents an hour for the work.

Cries of "No! No! Out of the question!"

Mr. Tannenbaum got up to explain why the proposition was out of the question.

"You see," he explained to Dr. Gamble and his aids, "we have decided not to work for less than 30 cents an hour, and we are not prepared to accept

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**BLIZZARD OVER, CITY  
ESCAPES PERILS OF  
SNOW AND FAMINE****Blockade Broken as Trains, Many Hours Late,  
Bring Supplies Here—Traffic Recov-  
ering—Damage Is Heavy.****12 DEAD, STORM TOLL; THAW NEAR****Fire and Disease Feared in Ice-Choked Streets—Seven  
Hundred Firemen on Guard as Wires Fail—  
Havoc All Along Atlantic Coast.**

The worst blizzard along the Atlantic Coast in twenty-six years spent itself last night, after thirty-six hours of fury, leaving in its trail death, suffering and a loss of millions.

Packed in a foot of ice and snow, New York City is almost isolated from the world. Wires are down to the West and South and only a few trains nosed through the drifts yesterday.

The cheering announcement from the Weather Bureau last night forecasting a thaw has raised hopes, and the city is preparing optimistically to dig itself out.

Fear of a milk famine was averted when trains bearing one-fifth of the normal supply shouldered through the snow banks into the city, twenty-four hours late. Others will arrive to-day, taking the right of way.

**FIRE AND DISEASE MENACE CITY.**

Pestilence and fire threaten the city because of the heaps of garbage lying in the streets and the damage to 80 per cent of the fire alarm system in Brooklyn and Staten Island.

Seven hundred firemen are patrolling the streets, and all leaves of absence in the department have been revoked.

Twelve are dead in New York City and vicinity since the blizzard began, and scores have been injured. Suffering among the poor has increased terribly.

Meagre reports coming from other hard hit cities tell of five dead in Philadelphia and two in Cincinnati.

Every big railroad system entering New York went out of business yesterday, except the New Haven, which ran all its trains, though greatly behind schedule.

Thousands of unemployed can have work removing snow, but they will not apply. Accepting the dare of the I. W. W. agitators, dozens of ministers offered to house the homeless. "Nothing for I. W. W. oratory, but 20 cents an hour for shovelling," is the slogan of the Street Cleaning Commissioner.

Many ocean steamships two days overdue have not been reported and several trains are lost as completely as if they were out at sea.

**TRIBUNE HEARS FROM CHICAGO BY 'PHONE.**

The New-York Tribune last night established telephonic communication with Chicago. The service was relayed by telephone operators by way of Pittsburgh and other points intermediate.

"The Chicago Tribune" reported that no storm condition existed in the Middle West, but that there was deep anxiety for the East, from which communication has been cut off for forty-eight hours.

Eastbound trains are leaving Chicago and other mid-Western points on schedule time, their position being unknown to the Western terminal.

No trains from the East are arriving in Chicago, and the presumption is that snowdrifts have stalled them at points on this side of the Allegheny Mountains.

**CITY BOUND IN SNOW  
FETTERS A FOOT DEEP**

When the snow stopped last night, when trains well loaded began to arrive twenty-four hours late, when possible the hundreds of milk trains now on the way will be given the right of the road to the city.

**Guard Against Fires.**

When the fire alarm system went out of operation in Brooklyn and Staten Island, Commissioner Adamson ordered patrols of firemen out on the streets to watch for blazes. Seven hundred firemen are now on patrol. Several small fires were reported, but they were quickly put out. The peril of a big fire is understood and feared in the department. It would take so long to get engines through the streets to the fire that any big blaze would gain considerable headway.

For the first time since the blizzard of 1888 ferries went out of commission between New York and Brooklyn. The harbor, jammed with heavy ice floes, presented a serious menace to small craft. Many ferries, unable to buck the ice jams, were shoved through by tugs that s' armed behind.

**Unemployed Do Not Respond.**

The foot of snow that at first was partly slush has frozen solid, making removal from the streets extremely difficult. Lack of sufficient men and carts is hampering the work of removal, and it will be many days before anything like normal traffic conditions will be seen in the city.

Although calls were sent out for the unemployed to shovel snow at 20 cents an hour, it was impossible to get enough men.

Commissioner Fetherston announced that he had only 4,500 men and 1,600 carts at work last night. There is room for 10,000 more of the army of unemployed who are besieging churches and free dispensaries of food.

City Island has been cut off from the city in everything but telephone communication. Twelve hundred people there are facing a serious condition. Wagons loaded with food for them tried to negotiate the three miles of snow banked road and failed. Automobile trucks were stalled. Unless food reaches those marooned there is likely to be a famine.

For a time it was thought the city faced a milk famine. This was averted

Warnings were sent out to people on the East Side telling them of the peril of throwing garbage on the street and the arrest of all offenders ordered. There is now lying on the streets tons of garbage that will begin to be dangerous if not removed at once.

Eight additional deaths due to the storm were reported yesterday, bringing the total up to twelve for two days.

Three laborers were killed on the Long Island Railroad, when, blinded by snow and attempting to clear the tracks, they were struck by an engine.

George W. McLaughlin, seventy years old, was killed by a train last night at Long Island City. He tried to cross the tracks, but the deep snow held him too long.

Giuseppe Pesto was frozen to death in Hackensack. He was found leaning against a telegraph pole, dead.

James Carroll, fifty-five years old, of No. 157 East 123d street, fell through the stairway well from the second to the ground floor of his home and was killed, last night, as he was returning home after shovelling snow. Carroll's shoes were ice encrusted, and on the second floor landing he slipped and pitched over the banisters.

An unknown man, about twenty-five years old, was found dead under a